# An Update from

## Councilmember Kathy Lambert

Serving NE King County including Woodinville, Redmond, Snoqualmie, North Bend, Carnation, Sammamish, Duvall, Skykomish and Fall City.

#### **Around the District**

In addition to attending hearings, working at the County Courthouse, and meeting with individual constituents much of Councilmember Lambert's time is spent in the 3<sup>rd</sup> district.

The following list highlights a few of the places you may have visited with or seen Kathy over the past few weeks.

Snoqualmie Watershed Forum King County Landmarks Commission Issaquah Salmon Hatchery Tour Fall City Citizens Association Meeting Woodinville Parade

#### Election 2004

**Elected County Auditor** – In response to King County's many vote-counting discrepancies in the 2004 election, I have received many complaints from the public. The third straight year of problems in the elections office has revealed more disturbing and systemic problems.

We need to encourage elections to address core issues such as felons voting illegally, ballots cast not matching the number of voters, maintaining a master voter list clean of duplicate voters and deceased persons. We must also continue to press the State Legislature on these issues that are vital to restoring public trust in the election system.

I have co-sponsored an ordinance to require a full independent audit of the King County Elections Department.

Another council bill I have worked on proposes the formation of a citizen election oversight committee to review the election division's performance. This committee would evaluate all elections through the November 2008 presidential elections.

#### Land Use

**CAO** – Citizens' groups have launched efforts aimed at preserving property rights. This spring the state Supreme Court will consider the constitutionality of a referendum proposal to repeal the CAO laws.

We must protect our environment, but during the CAO process we were not given any existing laws that were not working. Counties around us have made different,

less restrictive, decisions in protecting the environment. I believe that we should evaluate the strengths of these other jurisdictions' strategies and to study the scientific analysis used as the basis for these laws.

#### Redistricting

The new districts have been approved, but they will not take effect until after the November 2005 elections. Starting in November, Issaquah and Sammamish will be part of District 3. So I will have 60,000 more constituents!

### **Upcoming Community Events/Parades Kathy will attend**

Duvall June 4th, 2005 11:00 am

Fall City June 18th 11:00 am

Carnation July 4th 11:00 am

Redmond Derby Days July 9th 11:00 am

Snoqualmie Aug 6th 11:00 am

North Bend Aug. 13 10:30 am

Issaquah Salmon Days
Oct. 1st and 2nd
No parade, but Kathy will be available with a booth during Salmon Days.

#### **New Staff Member**

Jeff McMorris has joined my staff. Jeff has experience working state issues for Senator Bob Morton in Olympia and working for Washington Policy Center, a Seattle based think tank. He also worked at the U.S. Embassy in Costa Rica while finishing up his International MBA through Pepperdine University. He is a great addition to my staff. I know you'll enjoy working with him.

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